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SUBJECT: ECONADS MEETING, MAR 22

HELSINKI FOR USDEL MPT

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BEGIN SUMMARY: AT MAR 22 MEETING, ECONADS DISCUSSED PAPERS ON NEW EAST- WEST CHARTER, GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO CSCE DOSSIERS, AND ANALYSIS OF WARSAW PACT/ NEUTRAL AGENDA PROPOSALS. COMMITTEE ALSO REVIEWED MPT DISCUSSION TO DATE OF " BASKET" TWO. END SUMMRY

1. ECONADS AGREED TO PLACE STUDY ON NEW EAST- WEST CHARTER ( AC/127- WP-339) INTO CATEGORY C WITH FOOTNOTE TO EFFECT THAT SOME DELS ( INCLUDING US) WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO HAVE IT DROPPED ALTOGETHER. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED US REP' S SUGGESTION THAT GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO DOSSIER ( AC/127- WP-341) BE RE- EXAMINED AT SUBSEQUENT DATE AND THAT USEFUL ELEMENTS THEREIN BE USED IN PAPER WHICH FOCUSES ON SECOND ( COMMITTEE) STAGE OF CSCE.

2. US REP DREW ON HELSINKI 728 IN REPORTING ON MAR 20 MEETING OF MPT WORKING GROUP ON " BASKET" TWO. NETHERLANDS AND UK REPS MADE SIMILAR REPORTS AND BOTH ARGUED THAT MPT  
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EXPERIENCE TO DATE INDICATED THAT ALLIES SHOULD HOLD FIRM TO PRESENT MANDATE FOR TIME BEING. UK REP DISTRIBUTED PAPER GIVING SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS FROM UK EMBASSIES IN USSR AND OTHER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES WHICH REPORTED THAT OFFICIALS OF THOSE COUNTRIES HAD STUCK TO SOVIET MANDATE IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS OF CSCE ECONOMIC ASPECTS.

3. ECONADS PAPER ON WARSAW PACT AND NEUTRAL ECONOMIC AGENDA PROPOSALS ( AC/12- D-431), WHICH LARGELY REPEATS US PAPER ( USNATO 1359), WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTED, AND COMMITTEE AGREED TO SEND IT TO SENIOR POLADS, WHERE IT WILL BE DISCUSSED MAR 26. US REP SUGGESTED THAT PAPER SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAND UNTIL AFTER CURRENT DISCUSSION OF " BASKET" TWO IS COMPLETED, AFTER WHICH REVISIONS WOULD DOUBTLESS BE IN ORDER. THIS POSITION WAS GENERALLY AGREEABLE TO COMMITTEE, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL DELS POINTED OUT THAT IN EVENT OF MAJOR SHIFTS IN SOVIET POSITION, ECONADS SHOULD REVIEW PAPER ON PRIORITY BASIS. ( COMMENT: NO GUIDANCE NEEDED FOR MAR 26 SPC DISCUSSION. END COMMENT).  
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